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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. 03-117, Boston Edison Company- 2003 Reconciliation Filing

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

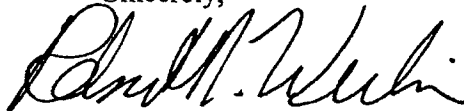
On May 7, 2004, the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department") granted the joint request of the Attorney General and Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric (the "Parties") to defer the beginning of evidentiary hearings in the above-referenced case so that the Parties could complete settlement negotiations. The Parties were obligated to file a settlement agreement by July 9, 2004, or provide a status report on that date.

The Parties are pleased to inform the Department that their negotiations have been successful and that they are reviewing settlement documents for filing with the Department. In order to permit sufficient time for the Parties to finalize the settlement documents and have them approved for filing, they jointly request that the hearing dates be deferred.

Accordingly, NSTAR Electric and the Attorney General request that the Department defer the commencement of hearings until August 10, 2004. If the Parties have not filed a settlement agreement by August 6, 2004, they will provide a status report on that date.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert N. Werlin

cc: William Stevens, Hearing Officer
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